


MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 4(A)

TO: Honorable Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson and Members, Board of County Commissioners **DATE:** December 18, 2012

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney **SUBJECT:** Ordinance relating to zoning;
modifying regulations
regarding; chain link fences
finishing of fence sides;
amending Section 33-11 of the
Code

The accompanying ordinance was placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Lynda Bell.



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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☐ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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12-18-12

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE RELATING TO ZONING; MODIFYING REGULATIONS REGARDING CHAIN LINK FENCES AND FINISHING OF FENCE SIDES; AMENDING SECTION 33-11 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA ("CODE"); PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

Section 1. Section 33-11 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:¹

Sec. 33-11. - Fences, walls, bus shelters and hedges.

- (a) Permits; conformance to requirements; erection on property lines. Permits shall be required for all walls and fences, and except as may be approved as a result of public hearings, walls, fences, which obscure or obstruct vision, and hedges shall be restricted to the height, location and type as indicated hereinafter, and except when a higher wall, fence or hedge is required as a visual screening buffer at the rear of double frontage lots under Chapter 28 of this Code. Except as hereinafter restricted, all walls, fences and hedges may be placed on the property lines. This section, however, shall not be construed to permit such walls, fences and hedges to extend beyond the official right-of-way lines or property lines. >>Chain link fences shall be permitted in all districts in the same location as other fences.<< ~~[[Notwithstanding anything in the code to the contrary, chain link fences in residential zoning districts shall be permitted only behind the front building line. It is provided, however, that the aforementioned restriction on chain link fences shall not apply in AU and GU zoning districts trended agricultural. It is further provided that the aforementioned~~

¹ Words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] shall be deleted. Words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< constitute the amendment proposed. Remaining provisions are now in effect and remain unchanged.

~~restriction shall not apply to chain link fences surrounding a residential community maintained by a condominium or homeowners association or by a special taxing district. Chain link fences lawfully existing prior to the effective date of this ordinance which as a result of this ordinance become nonconforming shall be exempt from Section 33-35(e).]]~~

- (b) Exterior finish of walls and fences. All walls and fences shall be maintained in good, clean and finished condition. ~~[[A fence with a finished and unfinished side shall be erected so that the unfinished side and supporting members face inward toward the interior of the property. Furthermore, all fences shall have the finished side facing the neighboring property or street (outward).]]~~ A continuous wall or fence that is owned by multiple property owners or held in common ownership shall be of uniform construction and materials and its exterior shall also be maintained in good, clean and finished condition for the entire length of said wall or fence. Each side of a CBS wall shall be completely finished with stucco and paint. Each side of a decorative masonry wall shall be completely painted; however, walls comprised of decorative brick and natural stone may be left unpainted provided the cement and grout are finished on both sides. If a wall is to be placed on a shared property line, consent for access must be obtained from the adjoining property owner(s) prior to finishing the opposite side of the wall. If such consent cannot be obtained, the property owner erecting the wall must present proof that a request for access approval was mailed to every adjacent property owner, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the mailing address(es) as listed in the most current Miami-Dade County tax roll, and the mailing was returned undeliverable or the adjacent property owner(s) failed to respond to the request within thirty (30) days after receipt. Upon such a showing, the property owner erecting the wall shall not be required to finish the opposite side of the wall.

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Section 2. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.

Section 3. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance, including any sunset provision, shall become and be made a part of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The sections of this ordinance may

be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of enactment unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED:

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency:

Prepared by:

Dennis A. Kerbel

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Lynda Bell

Two handwritten signatures are present. The first signature, 'KAC', is written above a horizontal line. The second signature, 'DAK', is written below the first signature and also crosses the horizontal line.